

## February 2024 | Food Service Report

Mason Consolidated Schools

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# **January is School Board Recognition Month**

Thank you for all you do!



We recognize your vital role in our schools and our communities. You are extraordinary because of the countless volunteer hours you devote each year to govern your school district.

As your food service provider, we applaud you for the time and dedication you devote to assure that the children in your community are receiving the best possible education.

We appreciate you and thank you for the opportunity to serve your district!



## **TNG On-Site at Central Elementary**

#### Molly the Cow visited on Thursday, January 18th



Mason's Senior, Geneva Bomia, volunteered to dress up as TNG's well-known, Molly the Cow.

She shared her "moo-ving" message about the importance of calcium consumption and provided a sample of yogurt!





P.S. She was such a good sport as it was very hot underneath the costume!

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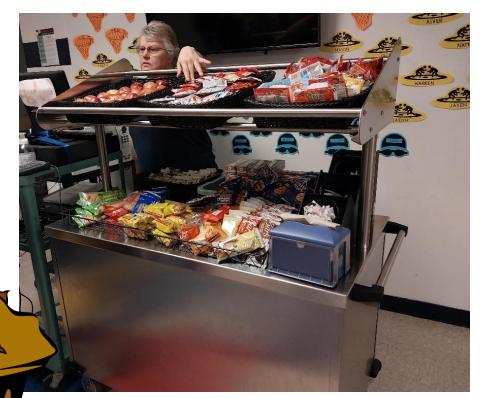
Many students (and a few adults!) were EXCITED to see Molly! In their eyes, she is a celebrity! Dozens of students requested their picture to be taken with Molly and those photos can be shared upon request! The love people have for cows is real and makes this visit more memorable for some people!

## **TNG On-Site at the Middle School**



#### **Breakfast Cart**

Renee offers breakfast every day to our middle school students. She offers a large variety of grab and go items and occasionally has hot breakfast sandwiches!

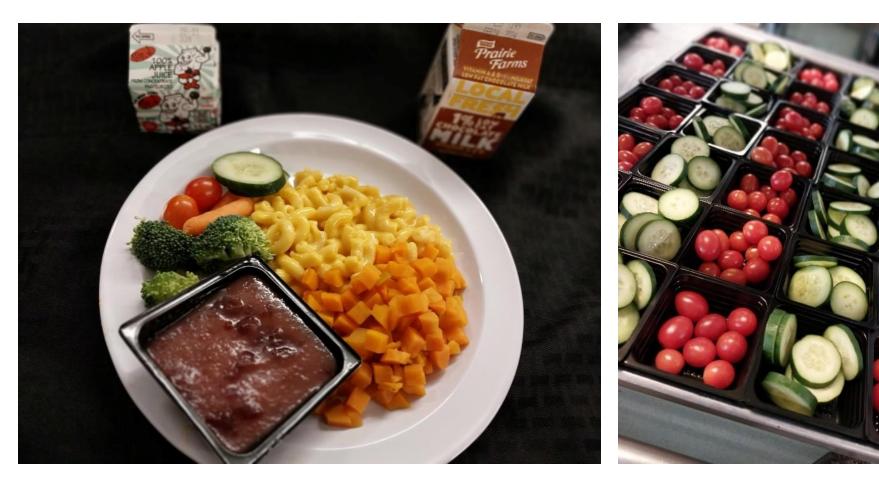




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## **TNG On-Site at the High School**





Display plates and colorful contrast can be used to give eye-appeal as most of us "eat with our eyes".

Our perception of food is influenced by its visual appearance before we even taste it! It can also impact a person's enjoyment and appetite.

# **Participation**

#### Across the Cafeteria in January

46 363
90 658
85 \$172



Beth's Melting Snowman Cookies were offered again on January 8<sup>th</sup>, but after several snow days causing schools to be closed during the following week, we decided it was best to retire the snowman for the season!



Ala Carte pop-ups this month included a "Featured Fave" of Cinnamon Bites dusted with powdered sugar!

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Participation continues to exceed our goals for both breakfast and lunch. Ala carte sales have slightly increased over this past month but we continue to struggle despite our focus to increase sales. We will continue with specials and pop-ups.

Our snack list at Central for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders has also been updated and given new signage that is posted daily on the serving line.



# **Vendor Partnerships**

#### We value our partnerships with our trusted vendors.

Members of our purchasing team meet with and review the most reputable wholesale food suppliers, manufacturers, and distributers in the industry. They are seeking partners that provide products that not only meet federal and state guidelines, but product offerings that are appealing to our customers.

#### One of our valued partners is Right Start Foods.



#### Your complete Breakfast Solution!

- They use the highest quality and domestic ingredients
- Handcrafted, made from scratch
- Whole grain
- No high fructose
- Low saturated fat
- Reduced and low sodium
- Good source of protein and fiber
- No artificial coloring
- Variety of flavors, real flavor



#### Our Customer's favorite products include:

- Muffin Flats
- Whole Grain Waffles
- Whole Grain Pancakes
- Mini Muffins







This video by Right Start Foods is a great representation of how we feel about the importance of quality, and the role that food plays in people's lives. Their values and beliefs are inline with TNG's, and this is one reason we choose to partner with them.



#### Our commitment to food safety

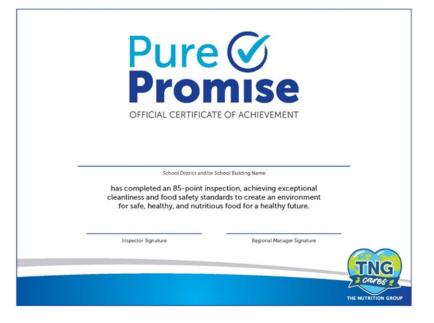
#### TNG is passionate about food safety!

We have formulated an 85-point certification standard that our accounts will be inspected for to ensure an environment for safe, healthy, and nutritious foods.









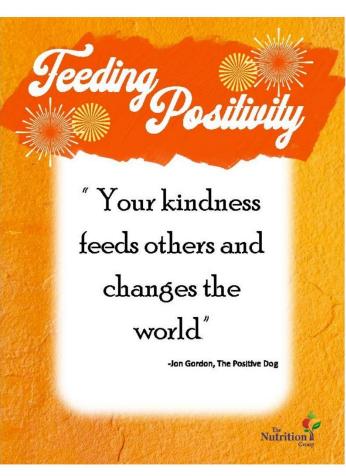
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# Feeding Positivity

# We continue to convey the powerful messages of *"The Positive Dog"* throughout the year in our cafeterias!



- DFNs are to encourage random acts of kindness throughout the cafeterias
- Use the Kindness Bingo Card to make it a game and keep track of the acts of kindness that are taking place
- DFNs will post the Bingo Card and ask the staff to mark any kindness act they see or complete
- DFNs can award any school that achieves a bingo on their kindness card.
- DFNs can also challenge themselves to complete a full bingo card as well!





# **KINDNESS**

Smile at a customer	Bring something yummy in to share	Offer to help teach someone new	Give someone a high five	Share a friendly good morning
Leave a friendly post- it note message for a friend	Say Thank you	Tell a silly joke	Share with another dept	Give someone a compliment
Tell someone something you appreciate about them	Wave to someone passing by	FREE SPACE	Help a coworker	Ask about someones family
Wish coworkers a good day	Invite someone to sit with you at lunch	Make a card for someone in a another dept	Ask about someones day	Learn about someones hobbies
Hold a door open	Donate to a food bank or backpack program	Pick something up off the floor	Sing a coworkers praises to their boss	Tidy up a mess you didn't make

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The cafeteria will continue to offer our Hand-Dipped Strawberries to staff members for purchase in honor of Valentine's Day.

There will be 6 strawberries per order (\$6 per 1/2 dozen)

Stay tuned for an email if you would like to place an order *©* 





# **Upcoming Events**





National Pizza Day is February 9<sup>th</sup> and we are going to celebrate at Central with a specialty pizza at lunch!



Come and join us for lunch at the High School on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving Sweet & Spicy BBQ Chicken Bowl and featuring Mardi Grasthemed treats!





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# Hand-picked fauorites that everyone loves!









## **Thank You!**



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